--- 1/12th Pound - “Series of 1897” - SNUFF - 22 x 28 mm. ---

--- RS-70A DP - a recess printed die proof in GREEN ink - with the 19 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA**” ---**

The Budget of **1891** raised the excise duty on *small packages* of snuff (i.e. weighing 5 pounds or less) having *over 40% moisture* from 20¢ (the **1886** excise rate) to 25¢ per pound.

The Budget of **1908**, *abolishing the moisture rating for snuff*, set a flat rate of 5¢ per pound on the product, which by then had become a relatively “small ticket” sales item. The stamp did not represent an even fraction of a tax-cent. Simply put, the *excise duty* was 5¢ per twelve 1/12th pound packages sold.

★**RS-70A DP** - 1/12th pound, green die proof [F-201] on thin wove soft proof paper

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The collection also contains a green copy of **RS-70A DP** - a trial die proof of the 1/12th pound stamp on thin India paper.

★**RS-70 DP** - 1/12th pounds, green die proof, on India paper

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